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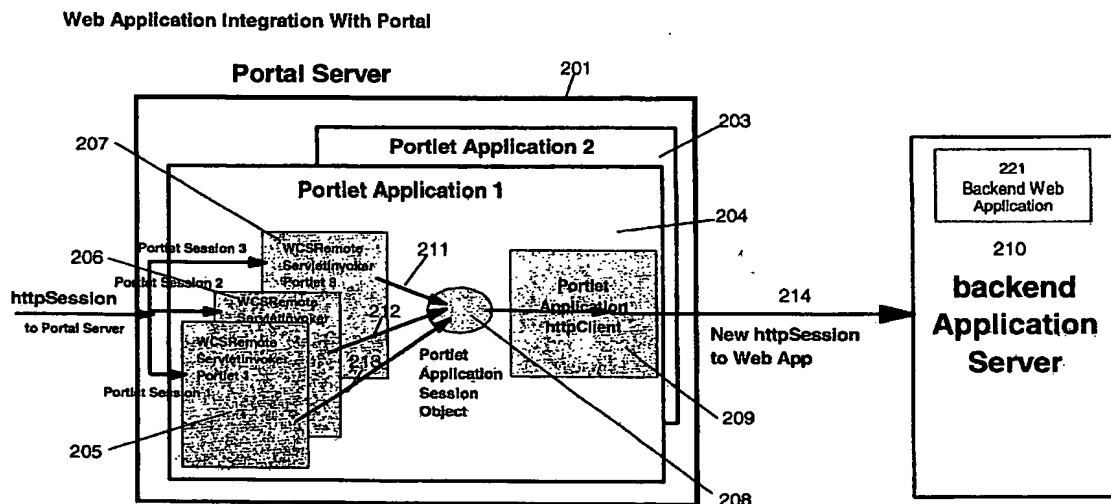
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(57) Abstract: For a portal server system for managing a collection of associated portlets responsive to user requests to access a web application, the invention provides apparatus and methodology including: a portlet application session object for saving parameters from user requests of associated portlets; and, a portlet application communication client linked to said portlet application session means for communicating between said associated portlets and said web application to convey user requests received from said associated portlets to said web application.



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